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- 1. UNFORTUNATELY PEREZ GUERRERO WILL NOT BE BACK FROM PARIS UNTIL THE DAY AFTER THE SENATOR LEAVES. WE NOW HAVE FIRM APPOINT-MENT WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE HURTADO AND EXPECT TO CONFIRM THE OTHERS BY MONDAY.
- 2. MANAGING EDITOR OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY JOURNAL HAS ASKED TO INTERVIEW THE SENATOR FOR ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES IN HIS HOTEL SUITE EVENING OF JANUARY 12 AFTER ARRIVAL FROM BOGOTA. DAILY JOURNAL HAS CIRCULATION OF ABOUT 13,000 AND IS INFLUENTIAL AMONG NORTH AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN COLONIES HERE. ON OTHER HAND, BAUMAN WOULD CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND IF SENATOR FELT LATE HOUR AND RIGORS OF TRAVEL MADE TIMING INCONVENIENT. PLEASE ADVISE.
- 3. SENATOR WILL HAVE RECEIVED DRAFT SPEECH FOR USE BEFORE VENEZUELAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (STATE 4322). WE ARE EDITING AND SHARPENING UP THE DRAFT AND WILL CABLE REVISED VERSION TO BOGOTA MONDAY FOR SENATOR'S CONSIDERATION.
- 4. AS SENATOR MAY BE AWARE, THE PRINCIPAL ISSUE HE WILL CONFRONT HERE WITH THE MEDIA AND IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION IS VENEZUELA'S EXCLUSION IN THE TRADE REFORM ACT FROM THE BENEFITS OF GSP. SENATOR WILL BE PRESSED FOR HIS POSITION. THE FOLLOWING QUOTATION FROM A RECENT MAGAZINE INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT UNCLASSIFIED

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CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ INDICATES THE INTENSITY OF FEELING HERE:

QUOTE. THE CASE OF THE FOREIGN TRADE LAW...IS UNJUST AND IRRITATING. BECAUSE WHILE VENEZUELA GIVES CONSIDERATE AND FRIENDLY TREATMENT TO ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED STATES DISCRIMINATES AGAINST OUR COUNTRY...WHICH IS TRULY HUMILIATING FOR VENEZUELA. UNQUOTE. SHLAUDEMAN

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